



WILSON MAY BE IN IT.

The Fight for the Speakership Is Waxing Warm,

AND NARROWED DOWN TO FOUR.

Mills, Springer, Crisp and McMillan.

The Contest Between the Texan and Georgian Becoming Very Bitter--A Dark Horse May be Needed, and Congressman Wilson, of West Virginia, is Being Groomed with that End in View--Mr. Wilson's Eminent Fitness for the Position.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—In the recent changes in position in the speakership the friends of Congressman Wilson, of West Virginia, find an opportunity for him, and their argument is a plausible one. They say that he will be acceptable to both the Southern and the Northern Democrats. Assuming that Mr. Mills and Mr. Crisp do divide the South as to make the election of either impossible, then Mr. Wilson becomes the logical candidate. Sectionalism could not be urged upon him, as he is on the borderland of the North and the South. As a tariff reformer he has stood at the front, and has shown great breadth in public affairs. Nor is he without support. His three Democratic colleagues from West Virginia are for him, and six of the fourteen Democrats from Ohio are said to be ready to go to him as soon as they can break from candidates to whom they are now pledged. Mr. Wilson can get probably four votes from Pennsylvania, as there is a friendly feeling toward him in the delegation, the members of which have scattered among the leading candidates without particular enthusiasm for any. Two votes from the Virginia delegation that are now promised to Mr. Mills are at Mr. Wilson's disposal if the time should arise when they could do good. It will thus be seen that the member from West Virginia, who has not made a canvass nor antagonized any interest, will have from fifteen to twenty votes with which he can present himself to the caucus. In the event that there is a dead lock among the leaders this is quite a respectable and influential following to have behind a dark horse.

THE BIG FOUR.

The Speakership Contest Narrowed Down to Mills, Crisp, Springer and McMillan.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—It is the judgment of the best informed men in Washington that Mr. Mills will be elected Speaker, ex-Congressman Kerr, of Pennsylvania, Clerk; ex-Congressman Yoder, of Ohio, Sergeant-at-Arms, and James Fisher, of Virginia, Postmaster. There is no opposition to the re-election of Mr. Milburn, the blind preacher, as chaplain. Mr. Milburn was the chaplain in the last Democratic house and succeeded in securing his re-election in the last congress, which was Republican. The candidacy of ex-Congressman Jerry Murphy, of Iowa, for the position of sergeant-at-arms excites the least risibles in town. Jerry made the greatest feature of the century as a member of the house, and his managers are putting forth a claim for this position. The fact is that he has the most luxuriant crop of whiskers of any congressman from the prairie states except Senator Peffer, of Kansas.

"These Springer cigars are pretty bad," said Tom Coakley, one of the Tammany braves, as he entered the Springer headquarters to-day. There were no cigars on the table and the air was not laden with cigar smoke, so that Coakley's remark is taken to indicate that if Mr. Springer intends to run a headquarters with regulation western fervor, he would have to provide the usual adjuncts. The Illinois man has twice as many callers at his headquarters than any other candidate. The attention he is receiving became so marked that the friends of other candidates concede that the Illinois ranks are putting more ginger into their fight than those of any other locality. The personal conflict between Mills and Crisp is becoming so bitter that the impression is growing that they will kill each other off and make room for a contest between Springer and McMillan. Senator Carlisle's letter in behalf of Mills has brought out a hot personal report from Senator Pugh, of Alabama. Springer is also profiting by the sectional feeling between the North and the South. He is not encouraging this sectionalizing, but the old Yankee feeling against "rebels" inures to Springer's benefit in spite of him. Hatch, of Missouri, has practically dropped out of the race. He was supposed to be the "farmer's" candidate, but he has failed to make use of this leverage, and has given no indication that he will come on the field.

Editor Weddell, who runs a Grange paper, and has been looking after Hatch's interest among the grangers, said to-night: "I can get no word from Hatch as to when he will be here, and it is almost useless for him to come into the contest now, for he will be too late. We had circulars prepared for all the Grange officers throughout the country, asking them to send to the members of Congress to help Hatch, but we have failed to hear from him, and it is now too late to send out the circulars." This narrows the fight down to the big four, made up of Mills, Crisp, Springer and McMillan. Representative Scott of Illinois denies the statement which is being circulated that the Illinois ranks will abandon Springer after the second ballot. Scott has talked with all the Illinois men here who say they are a unit in the feeling that they should stick by Springer, though they would not throw away their votes if it became evident after a long contest that Springer could not possibly win, but their abandoning of him would only be in such an emergency, and after every possible effort had been made.

To Boon Springer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—If Congressman Springer does not capture the speakership prize it will not be the fault of his friends, who are now flocking to Washington to labor in his interest. A strong delegation from the capital district reached Chicago to-day. The party was headed by Alfred Orendorf, for many years

chairman of the Democratic state central committee. Accompanying Mr. Orendorf were Edward T. Merritt, a member of the Legislature, H. W. Clendennin, editor of the State Register, and Henry Davis, a prominent Springfield physician. This afternoon the quartette of boomers were joined by A. E. Stevenson, Cleveland's assistant postmaster general, and after a long conference with General John C. Black, ex-commissioner of pensions, the five gentlemen left on the afternoon train for Washington. All the gentlemen were confident Springer would win.

AFTER BRICE'S SCALP.

Measures Being Discussed to Prevent Him From Taking His Seat.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 27.—Heroic efforts are being made to-night to keep Calvin S. Brice from taking his seat in the next senate as senator from Ohio, but it is feared that the labor is for naught. Chairman King, of the Republican state central committee, called the meeting at the Lincoln League headquarters, in this city, with prominent Republicans present from all parts of the state. Chairman Hahn, of the state committee, is also taking an active part. Speeches were made by Gen. Grosvenor, of Athens, Secretary of State Ryan, Representative Griffin, of Toledo, Attorney General Watson and Mr. McGrew, of Springfield. The drift of the argument was that Brice could not be stopped from taking his seat, as he is not yet a member of the senate, and that body would not act until he had been sworn in. The case of Edward Tiffin was cited, his seat having been contested on the ground that he was not an inhabitant of Ohio. He took his seat, however, the senate ruling that according to the constitution of Ohio he was an inhabitant.

Now comes an important discussion upon the definition of "non-inhabitant," under the Ohio constitution. The speakers were of the general opinion that Brice would take his seat in spite of all they could do to oppose him, but an effort will be made in the legislature to unseat him. At this point an executive session was ordered and the important question is being hotly wrestled with.

Coming out of executive session at midnight the members of the committee announced that a resolution had been passed unanimously placing upon Judge George K. Nash, chairman of the county committee, the duty of investigating the question of eligibility. He was also instructed to confer with Senator Sherman upon Senate rules to ascertain what action can be taken. This is considered a victory move by the Sherman following. All haste must be made as Congress convenes one week from Monday, and Brice will be fired if possible.

IRONDALE FURNACE SOLD.

Col. Nemegey Disposes of that Property for \$50,000.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

KINGWOOD, W. VA., Nov. 27.—Col. F. Nemegey has sold his Irondale furnace property to a company in New York city. For months it has been known that he desired to sell it, owing to other business. Early this fall the furnace was shut down, as usual, for the winter, and the colonel and his family went to New York, where they spend the winters. The new company desired the colonel to put it in operation before they took charge of it, but he declined, and the new firm will open up in the spring, and it is said will run it to its full capacity. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

This furnace was built about 1859 by George Hardman, who ran it until about 1877, when Col. F. Nemegey purchased it, and began expensive repairs, increasing its capacity from 10 to 20 tons of iron in twenty-four hours. It is 62 feet high, 14 foot bosh, and makes a coal short pig iron, used mostly for foundry purposes, and in some respects resembles the Scotch pig. It works the carbonate ores, known as rock and shell ores.

About 30 ovens have been operated at this place, and an extra quality of coke is manufactured. The furnace company also runs a store and similar enterprises for the accommodation of their employees.

A few years ago, while digging for water, a strong mineral spring was struck. Its ingredients are chloride of soda, sulphate of lime, proto-sulphate of iron, sulphate of potash, magnesia, etc. It is a splendid tonic, and is prescribed as a remedy for kidney and liver diseases. Colonel Nemegey did an extensive business with it in the eastern markets. In New Jersey the sales are large.

Irondale is fourteen miles southwest of this place and joins the B. & O. with a three and one-half mile branch just west of Newburg.

A Robber Foiled.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

BRUCETON, W. VA., Nov. 27.—David Myers, one of Preston's progressive stock dealers, had a peculiar experience last night. A few days ago he sold a fine bunch of cattle for which he received a large sum of money. For several days he noticed a very tough character around his premises and concluded he would be watching. Last night the sneak thief was seen prowling around, and Mr. Myers laid in wait until the thief seemed to have all his arrangements perfected and was going to raid the house when Myers fired a shot from an upper window and frightened the would-be robber away.

Mrs. Drexel Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, wife of the head of the great banking firm of Drexel & Co., died this morning at her country house, Runnymede, Delaware county. Mrs. Drexel has been sick for some time past, but her death was unexpected, as the last public announcement concerning her condition was that she was improving.

Done in Three Rounds.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Nov. 27.—In a glove fight to the finish here last night before a large audience Eugene McElroy, of Birmingham, knocked out Frank Fitzwilliams, of Cincinnati, in the third round. The betting was in Fitzwilliams' favor.

Shot by His Companion.

DENVER, TEX., Nov. 27.—While out hunting yesterday Conductor Mike D. Dwyer, of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway, was accidentally shot and instantly killed by his companion, Roadmaster Wright. Dwyer was from Philadelphia.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Will be the Most Important Since Reconstruction Days.

HE IS HARD AT WORK ON IT.

Blaine in Conference With the President in Relation to Diplomatic Affairs--Three Persons Prominently Mentioned for Secretary Proctor's Place--Estee, Assistant Secretary Grant and Ex-Governor Cheney are Urged for the Vacancy--The Chances are in Favor of the Latter.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—President Harrison denied himself to all callers to-day and abandoned the usual Friday meeting of the cabinet for the purpose of giving some finishing touches to his message to Congress. His work has been confined to the writing of rough notes, but now he has put a good portion of the document into definite form.

Secretary Blaine was with for some time this morning, and it is presumed the President is completing his reference to the diplomatic work accomplished during the year, stating the condition of our negotiations with Chili, Italy, China and one or two other countries that have caused us trouble, and reciting reciprocity progress. The President intends to have his message in the hands of the printer before next Saturday. It is probable that a part of it will go to the government printing office the first of next week. It is understood that this will be one of the most lengthy and important messages sent to Congress since the days of reconstruction.

FOR PROCTOR'S PLACE.

Three Persons Striving for It--Ex-Governor Cheney Chances the Best.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Considerable nervousness is being shown in two or three quarters over the approaching appointment of a Secretary of War to succeed Senator-elect and Secretary Proctor. Three or four men believe that they have almost a sure thing of the position. Ex-Gov. Cheney, of New Hampshire, Assistant Secretary of War Grant, of Minnesota, and Mr. Estee, of California, are all mentioned for the place with a greater or less degree of certainty.

Some gentlemen who have talked with the President on the subject during the past few days report the chief executive as saying that he would be very glad to give the position to the Pacific slope if it would consolidate upon some aspirants, but so far a strong element, said to be headed by Senator Stanford and M. H. De Young, have refused to endorse Mr. Estee. The President is reported to have said that he believed the Pacific slope was entitled to a cabinet position and if the factions would come together they might get this place, but barely intimated that he could and would not recognize one faction in opposition to another, so the slope is out of the race. Very strong are the endorsements of ex-Governor Cheney. Not only is the New Hampshire delegation solid for him but also a large number of prominent Republicans in Vermont, New York and Connecticut and eastern states generally. Assistant Secretary Grant is reported to have the endorsement of Secretary Proctor and a large contingent of Northwestern Republicans, but an impression prevails that he will not be appointed and stands at least third in rank of preference. The President has said that he would not appoint a secretary of war or fill any other prominent offices before congress convenes.

Memphis Alliance Convention.

CORSCA, TEXAS, Nov. 27.—The State Alliance, in session here, adopted a resolution for the appointment of twenty-five delegates to represent Texas at the Memphis, Tenn., convention next month. Letters have been received from Governor Northern, of Georgia, and other prominent members of the Alliance endorsing this convention and pledging their support. Resolutions condemning the action of the supreme council at Indianapolis and proposing to sever connection with the de facto national alliance, and providing for a separate organization with entirely new officers, were adopted.

Was Against the Law.

PARIS, Nov. 27.—When the archbishop of Aix was convicted of insulting M. Fallieres, minister of justice and fined 5,000 francs, the newspaper Figaro decided that it would open a public subscription to raise the amount necessary to pay the fine. It printed an appeal to the public and yesterday it announced that enough money had been subscribed to meet the object in view. The government, however, did not approve of this action on the part of the Figaro, holding that it was a violation of the press law which forbids the opening of subscriptions to pay legal costs. A citation was therefore served on the editor and he will be prosecuted.

Fatal Gun Practice.

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The naval court martial which has been investigating the fatal gun practice of H. M. S. Pluck to-day rendered a decision acquitting Lieut. Sydney Fremantle, the commander of the Pluck, from all responsibility. The case was a peculiar one, and from the facts developed at the hearing it seems to have been established that practice with modern guns must be carried on under far more stringent regulations than prevailed under the old system of gun practice. The accident from which this inquiry arose was the sinking of two Plymouth fishing boats, and the killing or drowning of one of the fishermen.

Another Clew Struck.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—The American Express Company officials, it is said, have struck another clew in the train robbery at Western Union Junction. Manager Antislid says that late last Monday night a man was arrested in a town not far from the scene of the robbery and that he was thought to be one of the robbers. Papers were found on the suspect which seemed to connect him with the crime.

BEER RATE WAR.

Steubenville Saloon-keepers go Back on Wheeling and Cincinnati Beer.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Nov. 27.—The Jefferson county saloon-keepers association at a meeting this afternoon, held in this city, decided to quit using Wheeling and Cincinnati beer, which costs \$8 a barrel with 10 percent off, and combined to buy Isaac Lelsy's beer manufactured in Cleveland, Ohio, which they have been offered at \$6 per barrel. Five cars have been ordered to be here Monday, after which time they will stop selling other beer unless the price goes down. The saloon-keepers association was organized last August with seventy-four members, and has for its main objects, dabbling in politics, fighting grand jury indictments and an effort to secure cheap beer. The saloon-keepers in Mingo Junction and Toronto belong to the association. Local agents for beer concerns say they do not care for the trade of the saloons in the association, but a beer rate war is expected to follow next week.

The association also appointed a committee to wait on one Democratic candidate at the late election who paid \$300 for their support to several members of the association who gave receipt in the name of the association and pocketed the money. The association asked that this \$300 be paid into their treasury, or they will bring suit to compel payment of the same.

PECULIAR MARITAL TANGLE.

All the Result of Two Secret Marriages.

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 27.—The preliminary steps have been taken in a suit that has created a great sensation. The principals are Charles O. Hall, of the Hall Safe & Lock Co., and Ala Belle Anderson-Hall, daughter of a Baptist clergyman of Iowa. The latter's story is that after returning from Europe she met and married a newspaperman whose name she does not wish to divulge. They separated after a year and a month later she read a notice of his death. A year later she met Mr. Hall and was secretly married to him in Chicago in the presence of friends of both and came with him to this city, though at his request the marriage was kept a secret here. Several months ago she was horrified to find that her first husband was still alive and she quietly obtained a divorce. Hall heard of it, and, being free, declined to re-marry her, though he still supported her.

In the meantime Mr. Hall has become engaged to a belle in Utica, N. Y. Yesterday he was practically sued for breach of promise by Mrs. Anderson-Hall, but was given until next Saturday to accept certain propositions. Mr. Hall admits the marriage but says that being now free, he does not desire to re-marry the lady but will pay her reasonable damages. No one suspected that Mr. Hall was a married man.

STATE OF TRADE.

Factors Which go to Make National Prosperity Unaltered.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

A week broken by a holiday has shown the usual characteristics weak speculation, active retail trade, and moderate wholesale business. But the great factors which go to make national prosperity are unaltered.

In the great industries the outlook is improved. There is a better demand for iron. On the whole, there are evidences of enormous consumption already, nearly equal to the production, with prospects of an increase next year. The market for woolen goods distinctly with colder weather, though some holders make slight concessions on old stocks.

Money is comparatively easy and collections generally fair. There is certain to be very large balances payable on merchandise account by Europe, and much anxiety appears in some quarters as to how the strain abroad will be met, but thus far there are no signs of real trouble except in speculative quarters. It is to be remembered, also, that this country is at present unusually independent of foreign disasters or disturbances.

The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 295, as compared with a total of 285 last week.

For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 249.

The McDonald Oil Field.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 27.—The Hazlewood Oil Company struck a good Gordon sand well, on the brick yard lot, at McDonald to-day, and it is doing 28 barrels an hour. The Liberty Oil Company also tapped the Gordon sand at their Jernell well, and it is doing 30 barrels an hour. The Neely No. 4 started off at 35 barrels an hour in the fifth sand. The Moorhead well, of the Wheeling Natural Gas Company, is making 200 barrels a day and drilling into the fifth sand. The Malhouse well, at Oakdale, is in and dry in the Gordon sand. It will be drilled deeper. The McNally well, at Nobletown, is on top of the fifth sand and is being attended to with interest. The production was estimated at 62,000 barrels to-day and the stock in tanks in the field 147,699 barrels.

Bankers and Brokers Assign.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Edward M. Field, Daniel A. Lindley, John and Frederick Wierchers, bankers and brokers, at No. 1 Broadway, assigned to-day to Charles W. Gould without preferences. The house is an old one, but later has been somewhat restricted in its dealings. The failure is attributed to the advance in corn here and at Chicago. They had been protecting some large lines of corn from the S. V. White deal and had been on the short side of the November market and a few days ago had to cover 500,000 bushels. Their operations were mainly in Chicago, but to some extent here. The head of the firm is a son of Cyrus W. Field.

St. Louis After the Convention.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 27.—Steps are being taken by all the commercial exchanges and business men generally to bring the Democratic national convention to St. Louis. The executive committee of the Democratic national committee will meet in Washington December 8 to dispose of some important business, and though this committee will not pass upon the time and place for the national convention, yet it is expected that the various cities seeking it will be represented in Washington during the meeting.

A NIGHT OF AGONY

To a Kansas City Father Whose Child was Kidnapped.

FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS RANSOM

Offered by the Distracted Parent for the Return of His Child--After Hours of Suspense a Man Appears With the Lost one and the \$5,000 is Promptly Paid Over--The Servant who was Instrumental in the Abduction Arrested at Midnight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 27.—Mr. Beals this afternoon issued the following notice:

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Return my child, receive \$5,000, and no questions asked. (Signed) D. T. BEALS.

The ransom money was offered after a long and serious discussion of the question as to whether a ransom or reward should be offered. The officers urged that the criminals should be brought to justice, and that the offering of a ransom without attempting to secure the kidnappers was, from a moral standpoint, compounding a felony. To these arguments Mr. Beals replied: "First let me find my boy, and then you can find his kidnappers." A reward, he argued, would attract too many detectives, who would run the kidnappers so close to earth that rather than suffer the penalty of their crime, they would put the child out of the way and make good their escape. Mr. Beals, therefore, advertises his willingness to pay a ransom in hopes that it will induce the kidnappers to return the child directly to him. He states that the offer is made in good faith, and that whatever knowledge he might obtain of the identity of the abductors, should they accept his offer, will be honorably guarded.

EVERYBODY TURNED DETECTIVE.

Every man, woman and child in the city is a detective to-day, and they are keeping their eyes open for Junior Beals, as he was known. As a result, the police and Pinkerton's headquarters have been flooded with "clues." Many of them have been run down but they have led to very immaterial developments.

It has been discovered, however, that after leaving the house with the boy, the abductress Lizzie Smith, the servant, boarded a northeast electric line car at Wabash avenue and rode to the downtown terminus of the road of the intersection of Fifth and Walnut streets, where she alighted with the child still in her possession. There all trace of her and the child was lost.

But few additional facts concerning the character of Lizzie Smith developed to-day. From interviews with the other servants it has been learned that the girl was but ill educated. From her conversation they concluded she evidently had lived a fast life and had lived in many of the large cities of the West. She told the cook confidentially that she had run away from her home in Illinois at the age of eighteen. That the woman was going under a false name seems pretty well established, for the other servants say her linen was all marked with the initials "J. K."

AGONY OF THE PARENTS.

The suspense of agony under which the parents are all but prostrated is pitiful. Mr. Beals is 62 years of age and the strain upon his nervous system has had a telling effect. All night long he paced the hall of his house and from 4 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Beals received a note handed him the note on the street. The description of the man as given by the boy tallies very closely with that of a man who is known to have occupied the cottage on Lynde avenue, together with another man, and Lizzie Smith. He is supposed to be the man King. The note informed Mr. Beal that he desired to meet him in front of the postoffice as soon as possible.

Mr. Beals was directed to wear a plain gold ring on his left hand, prominently displayed, as a means of identification. The child, said the writer, was securely hidden, and all the detectives in the country could not find him. He knew where the child was hidden, and would return him to the father for a stated sum. Mr. Beals went directly to the postoffice and waited two hours for the writer of the note to make himself known, but at the end of that time no one had appeared and the anxious father returned home with one more hope shattered. It is supposed that the writer of the note desired to test Mr. Beals' good faith in offering the ransom, or that he became suspicious for some unknown reason or that the note was written merely as a cruel hoax.

One of the men, who with another man and Lizzie Smith occupied the Lynde avenue cottage, has been discovered as Albert King. He is the man who is supposed to have taken the active part of accomplices in the kidnapping and is believed to be the man who has been prowling about the Beals mansion.

Beyond his name little is known of him.

THE CHILD RECOVERED.

At 7 o'clock this evening a man of strange appearance presented himself at the front door of the Beals mansion. He wore a false face and a wig and was dressed very like a day laborer. He told the servant who answered the bell that he must see Mr. Beals immediately. Mr. Beals went to the door. The man said he was a detective; that he had found the abductress and her accomplices; that they had the lost child in their possession; and that he demanded \$20,000 ransom; and that he was prepared to deliver the child to its parents for that amount. Mr. Beals declined to pay the sum and stuck to his original offer of \$5,000. It was finally agreed that the "detective" should deliver the child for that amount. Mr. Beals told police and detectives that he had placed his honor that the deliverer of the child should not be arrested while engaged in the carrying out of his part of the contract and ordered them privately not to interfere with his plans, and they did not.

At 10 o'clock a ring brought Mr. Beals to the door. He saw his lost child

in the arms of the ruffian who had bargained for the delivery of the child. Mr. Beals, who had drawn \$5,000 in bank notes early to-day in order to be ready to fulfill his part of the bargain, counted out the money before the eyes of the man and placed the money in the outer pocket of the latter's coat. At the same time the masked man placed in the arms of the overjoyed father the lost child, who was sleeping soundly, ignorant that he was being returned to his anxious parents. The joy of the parents cannot be told.

Lizzie Smith, the abductress of the Beals child, was arrested at midnight.

FAIRMONT.

Thanksgiving More Generally Observed than Ever Before Known.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., Nov. 27.—Thanksgiving was more generally observed here yesterday than on any previous occasion, so it seemed. All the stores were closed except the provision ones, and they were only opened a short while in the morning. The postoffice observed Sunday hours.

At 6 a. m. a prayer meeting and thank offering was held in the Methodist Protestant church, at which there was an unusually large attendance for so early an hour, and quite a contribution of money, provisions and clothing was donated. At 9 a. m. a praise service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church lasting one hour. At 10:30 the regular union service was held in the Methodist Protestant church, at which there was the largest congregation ever noticed on an occasion of this kind. The church was full to overflowing. The sermon was by Rev. C. E. Murray, of the First Presbyterian church. His text was the 8th verse of the 90th Psalm, and a most excellent discourse.

The music was a special feature, having been especially prepared for the occasion under the direction of Capt. Thomas A. Fleming.

For years there has been collected at this service a special sum for the deserving poor of our town, and on this occasion was larger than ever, and placed in the hands of a special committee consisting of Mrs. J. E. Sands, of the Protestant Episcopal church; Mrs. T. B. Carpenter, of the Methodist Episcopal; Mrs. George Morrow, of the Presbyterian, and N. S. Barnes, of the Methodist Protestant church.

At 7 p. m. a special service was held in the Methodist Episcopal church under the auspices of the Epworth League of that church, which was arranged for the occasion. At 8 p. m. a reception of the members and friends of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Methodist Protestant church was held in the lecture room of that church. These were largely attended and will prove fruitful of good.

MORGANTOWN.

Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest--New Court House About Finished.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., Nov. 27.—The question of forming an inter-collegiate oratorical association, of which the University of West Virginia would be a member, is being discussed. It is proposed that Washington and Jefferson, Bethany, the Western University of Pittsburgh and the West Virginia University form the members of the association. Washington and Jefferson and the West Virginia University have expressed a willingness to enter, and we see no reason why such a thing should not be done. The majority of the more important colleges of this country belong to associations of this kind. Such organizations add very much to the incentives to drill in oratorical work.

New and very beautiful carpet has been put in the college library. This puts the library in a better condition than it has ever before been. Since last year chairs have taken the place of benches and the room has been beautified and made more comfortable in many ways.

The Thanksgiving vacation at the University extends from Wednesday at 1 p. m. till next Monday. Several of the professors and students are making use of the vacation and are taking trips to various parts of this and other states. Prof. Davenport has gone to Pittsburgh. Prof. Whitehill was called away to give testimony, as an expert, in a supposed case of attempted poisoning.

Although yesterday was Thanksgiving, the culminating point of the new court house was adjusted. The building will soon be under roof, and then the main part of the work remaining will be to fit up the different apartments to suit the purposes for which they are designated.

The Deadly Grip.

BERLIN, Nov. 27.—The influenza now so prevalent here is of a much more virulent type than that which caused so much suffering in 1889. Thirty deaths from the affliction during the eight days past are reported. Physicians estimate that forty thousand persons have been attacked with influenza since November in Berlin alone.

Mercier on His Mettle.

MONTREAL, Nov. 27.—Warrants have been issued by Premier Mercier for the arrest of Senator Tussie, proprietor of La Minerve, and Mr. Berthiaume, publisher of La Presse, and the Hon. J. W. Chapleau, secretary of state, for criminal libel. Mercier says he has determined upon putting an end to the guerilla warfare which is being waged against him by these papers.

To Ease Small Capitalists.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 27.—In order to alleviate the many difficulties under which numerous small capitalists throughout the empire are now laboring, the Imperial bank has given notice that installments due on scrip of first mortgage bonds need be only partially paid.

Honduras' Loss.

SAN PEDRO, HONDURAS, Nov. 27.—The republic of Honduras has suffered a severe loss in the death by accidental drowning, on November 4, of General Edward Kraft, of San Pedro, the commandant of the Atlantic port of Puerto Cortez.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, threatening weather and snow, decidedly colder, northeast winds; almost a cold wave; colder and light snows are probable Sunday.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

As furnished by C. SCHNEPP, druggist, Opera House corner:
7 a. m. 34 3 p. m. 51
9 a. m. 35 7 p. m. 53
11 a. m. 39 9 p. m. 50 Weather--Clear, calm.